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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND THE ALLIES.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S BROAD HINT.

New York, February 17.

An Associated Press message from Washington announces officially that President Wilson's Memorandum informed the Allies that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the Treaty of Versailles from the Senate if the Allies proceeded with their plans without the consent of the United States.

THE ALLIES' ATTITUDE.

Paris, February 17.

Le Matin says the Allied Reply to President Wilson's Note has been delayed owing to a decision to revise the draft, because the question is regarded as the most important since the conclusion of hostilities and owing to the subsequent intervention of Viscount Grey, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Robert Cecil. The Note is likely to be more conciliatory than forecasted yesterday. Britain and France desire the closest co-operation with the United States, but point out that they cannot abandon the decisions reached while the United States voluntarily absented herself from the Peace Conference.

NOT A THREAT.

Washington, February 17.

White House officials declare that President Wilson's Adriatic Note is not a threat to withdraw from European affairs, but the United States could not participate in the settlement of Fiume, including the policing of the Adriatic, if Jugo-Slavia were forced into the settlement. It is suggested that the United States might cease European relief work if the Peace Treaty is modified contrary to the principle of self-determination.

POLICING THE ADRIATIC.

Washington, February 17.

It is announced that the United States will be one of the five nations to police the Adriatic.

A COMPROMISE DEMANDED.

Paris, February 16.

The London correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* states:—Mr. Millerand and Mr. Lloyd George, in replying to President Wilson, declare that they abide by the solution of the Adriatic problem. They have notified to Jugo-Slavia that on January 20, Mr. Lloyd George, acting as President of the Peace Conference, sent a letter to M. Trombich, the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister, emphasising that unless Jugo-Slavia accepts a compromise the Treaty of London will be carried out.

TRIAL OF M. CAILLAUX BEGUN.

Paris, February 17.

The trial of M. Caillaux has begun in the High Court under the Presidency of M. Leon Bourgeois.

"RUGGER" IN FRANCE.

Paris, February 17.

In a Rugby match here, Wales beat France by 6 points to 5.

BIG BOLSHEVIK SCHEME TO EMBROIL ASIA.

PLAN OF A PROBABLE CAMPAIGN.

London, February 16.

The *Times* correspondent at Delhi states that it is really declared that the Bolsheviks' plans for an intense external propaganda include Persia, Afghanistan, India and China. The Bolsheviks hope to produce a state of chaos within two years when the internal reconstruction of Russia is completed. By gifts of arms and ammunition, loans, military instructors, trained gunners and aeroplanes it is hoped to induce Afghanistan to attack India, with the consequent defeat and deposition of the Amir, thereby provoking anarchy and producing conditions for establishing an Afghan Soviet Republic, and when the north of India is saturated with Soviet doctrines and lured into rebellion, there would be an opportunity for a great Bolshevik attack on India.

AMERICA'S PACIFIC NAVAL BASE.

AN OFFER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Washington, February 13.

Mr. Daniels is accepting the offer of a site as a naval base from the town of Alameda, conditional on the necessary Congressional appropriations. It is stated that the Navy's most pressing need was a base in California.

AMERICAN RAILWAY DISPUTE.

PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, February 13.

President Wilson has proposed a settlement in connection with the demands of railwaymen for higher wages. The railwaymen have agreed to consider the proposal.

AMERICA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

Washington, February 14.

After conferring with high Government officials, the Olympic Games Committee has obtained official Government sanction and support for the American team which will be entered at Antwerp. President Wilson has provisionally accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Committee and Mr. Baker and Mr. Daniels will be Vice-Presidents.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PRICE OF SEWING COTTON.

PROFITEERING BY MESSRS. COATS.

London, February 18.

The Profiteering Act sub-committee, inquiring respecting the alleged "sewing cotton" combine, report after exhaustive inquiries, that the manufacture of sewing cotton is a virtual monopoly of Messrs. Coats, who have taken advantage of their monopoly to restrict the trade, making it extremely difficult for competing firms to obtain a footing; and that in view of Messrs. Coats having last September estimated that the total manufacturing and selling costs amounted to £383. per ream, the advancement in the retail selling price (to sevenpence farthing) was hardly justifiable. Their retail price should not have exceeded sixpence per ream. Messrs. Coats had increased their net profit per ream by 168 per cent. between 1914 and 1919. The sub-committee, however, are of opinion that when Messrs. Coats, present supplies of raw manufactured cotton are exhausted, the price of sewing cotton must rise, unless the price of cotton falls.

TEN DREADNOUGHTS TO BE SOLD.

DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL GUNNERY.

London, February 17.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that in view of developments in Naval Gunnery the Admiralty is selling nine dreadnoughts, these being the Bellerophon, St. Vincent, Hercules, Collingwood, Indomitable, Superb, Neptune, Colossus and Inflexible, valued at ten millions sterling. The sales are mostly to clear out the twelve inch gun vessels. Some may be sold to the Dominions. Future ships will be armed with thirteen point fives and fifteen inchers, and owing to development in naval gunnery, the guns may get even bigger.

"DENIKIN AND THE COSSACKS."

AN AGREEMENT REACHED.

London, February 17.

The *Times* correspondent at Novorossisk says Denikin has reached an agreement with the Cossacks whereby he remains Generalissimo but ceases to be Dictator. A Parliamentary regime has been formed with an elective Legislative Assembly and a Cabinet of eight. Denikin has declared that the military situation is improving and the front can be held if the Kuban forces immediately go to the front. Meanwhile the Bolshevik advance in the Caucasus has been held up.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

DISGRACEFUL INCIDENTS.

London, February 16.

About fifty armed masked men at 2 o'clock Sunday morning attacked the Ballytrain Police Station, near Dundalk, which was occupied by six policemen. Brisk firing and bombing by both sides continued for three hours, when a terrific explosion blew up the building, burying four policemen in the debris. The raiders carried away all arms and ammunition. No arrests have been made. The policemen were sent to hospital.

Another raid took place in a private house at Cork by four armed men who held up the occupant and demanded arms to which they replied by shooting one of the assailants in the breast, the occupant himself being shot in both arms.

The raiders got away, carrying their wounded comrade.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND.

WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION.

London, February 17.

In the House of Commons at question-time, Sir Archibald Williamson, for the War Office, stated that General Townshend had withdrawn his resignation from the Army, which was based on a misapprehension of the Regulations. General Townshend had been informed that he was free to retire on retired pay, but he had not yet replied.

EAST AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

REPRESENTATION OF INDIANS.

London, February 17.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lt. Col. Campion, Colonel Amery stated that as at present arranged the Indians in East Africa will be represented on the Legislative Council by two members nominated by the Governor. The question of the effective representation of Indians is being considered.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 14.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company's silver report dated February 12 says the market has shown considerable steadiness during the week, with the inclination upward. The fall in price today is due to the strong recovery of American exchange and the fall of China exchange.

OBJECTION TO CHINESE CREW.

London, February 14.

Seamen at Newport (Monmouthshire) have decided to hold up the Blue Anchor liner Albion Star until the Chinese crew is removed and replaced by British. A Strike Committee has been formed and no seamen are signing on any ships.

SALE OF EX-GERMAN LINERS.

New York, February 17.

The auction of ex-German liners has so far fetched \$32,000,000.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE MAD MULLAH AGAIN.

AN ANGLO-ITALIAN EXPEDITION.

Nairobi, February 15.

Combined Anglo-Italian action against the Mad Mullah is reported to have begun in Abyssinia with the object of sweeping the country of his supporters and concentrating a large force in the vicinity of Gazab, a stronghold in the northern Agaden country. A British force, composed of Africans and Indians, with tanks and aviation detachments, has landed at Berbera and the Italians are establishing a base in Italian Somaliland. The Somalis state that the Mad Mullah is preaching a Holy War on behalf of the Sultan of Turkey.

OPERATIONS SUCCESSFUL.

London, February 17.

The British operations against the Mullah have been so successful that they can be regarded as practically over. The Mullah's forces have been heavily defeated and the Mullah himself has escaped in the direction of Italian territory.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

London, February 17.

In the House of Commons, Colonel Amery stated that as a result of three weeks' operations led by the Air Force the power of the Dervishes in British Somaliland has been completely destroyed. The Mullah, after several very narrow escapes, finally fled with seventy horsemen. It is believed that the Mullah's power to endanger the peace and security of British Somaliland had been ended.—(Cheers).

TURKS SLAUGHTERING ARMENIANS.

SEVEN THOUSAND KILLED.

London, February 17.

The *Times* says that Turkish troops and Kurds have slaughtered 7,000 Armenians in Cilecia. The struggle continues around Marash. The Armenians are resisting strongly but have suffered seriously. The Turks have advanced to Baghche, spreading terror.

AN ALLIED WARNING.

London, February 17.

The British High Commissioner in Constantinople has been instructed to publish the fact that the Allies have decided not to deprive the Turks of Constantinople, but the Porte is warned that if persecutions of the Armenians continue, the Turkish Peace Treaty will be considerably modified.

U. S. AND SHANTUNG.

A NEW RESERVATION.

London, December 18.

The *Daily News* learns from New York that Senator Lodge's revised reservation on Shantung demands full liberty of action for the United States. Whereas the previous version limited this to trouble between China and Japan, this limitation is entirely struck out and the United States asserts an entirely free hand in the Far East.

MR. LANSING'S RESIGNATION.

PRESIDENT WILSON STRONGLY CRITICISED.

New York, February 16.

Practically every newspaper in the country appears to support Mr. Lansing again: President Wilson, whose action is variously described as "ungrateful, unseemly, and unexplainable," whilst the characteristics of the President's illness are stated to be "petulance, peevishness, asperity and excessive sensitiveness."

A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives calling upon the Foreign Affairs Committee to investigate whether Mr. Lansing has violated the Constitution by calling meetings without the President's consent.

In some quarters it is believed the real trouble is due to President Wilson's idea that an attempt is being made to invoke the Article of the Constitution providing that the President's duties could be assumed by the Vice-President in the event of the former not being able to carry them out.

Whatever the real reason, the American public sides warmly with Mr. Lansing, and believes his effort to carry on during the President's illness was not a sufficient cause for dismissal.

CANADA'S POSITION IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

AMERICAN OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

Ottawa, February 16.

Mr. Newton Rowell, K.C., acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, in the course of a strong pronouncement on the League of Nations, declared:—"Canada has won a place in the League and will not surrender it. Canada refuses to agree to any impairment of her status and voting rights under the Peace Treaty in order to meet the United States' objections as regards the voting power of the Dominions. Canada had made this clear to the Imperial authorities, requesting them to acquaint Washington on the question."

Mr. Rowell quoted the *New York Tribune*'s question to the Senate, namely, "You put Cuba, Panama, Hayti, Saint Domingo, and your dependencies in the League, but are unwilling to trust Canada."

Mr. Rowell queried: "Why?" He said the Canadians were awaiting an answer to that point, not believing that Americans would finally deny the Dominion the right which has cheerfully been accorded to the above-mentioned States.

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MARATHON RACE RESULT.

INDIAN RUNNER WINS "TELEGRAPH" CUP.

The much looked forward to Marathon Race was run this afternoon.

The winner was:

No. 47, Sepoy Teja Singh, 2nd Punjab.

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No. 83, Sepoy Joti Ram, 7th Punjab.

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BIG FIRE AT ABERDEEN.

OVER THIRTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

The dangers connected with the celebrations of the Chinese New Year have kept the Fire Brigade on the qui vive and early this morning they were called out to a fire that threatened to completely destroy Aberdeen village.

The cause of this disastrous outbreak has not been ascertained as it started at an untenanted house, at No. 54a, Main Street. Commencing at 3.30, the fire spread with incredible rapidity, until within a short period, the whole street was completely enveloped in flames and the forty odd houses on both sides of it were hopelessly involved.

The appliances at Aberdeen being inadequate to cope with the fire, a message was sent to the Central Police Station, and Superintendent Lane, with his Brigade, brought reinforcements. The fire, however, had gained such a hold on the buildings that the firemen had the greatest difficulty in coping with it. By five o'clock this morning,

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There is no doubt that amid all the hazards and vicissitudes of the war the sun shone on at least one industry in Germany, says the *Times*, Berlin correspondent. In 1914 German film production was dwarfed, apparently outstripped by a field full of imposing competitors. The ubiquitous Pathé Frères reigned supreme in every town and village which possessed a cinema between Lorrach and Memel—the Land's End and John o'Groats of the Fatherland.

But Necessity, being the mother of invention, and an exacting parent, brought about a drastic change. The forces which dealt a fatal blow at Germany's other trades isolated the country from the big film-manufacturing world outside, and so stimulated an industry which now claims to be the third largest in the State, and to fear no foe but America. Germany even aspires eventually to conquer the (cinema) world. She has certainly done wonders in the matter of film enterprise. In Scandinavia, Holland, and South Europe she is carrying on an annexationist policy for all she is worth, and the number of big film companies founded with a capital of millions of marks is increasing monthly. The "Ufa" concern, which came into being only two years ago, is as much a household word as "Essanay" or "Gaumont." The "Decla," perhaps with a weather-eye on the Baltic adventure, is said to be about to capture the whole of the Eastern market, while the "Bioskop," bravely but working with a capital of 30 million marks, is conducted by Oswald, an artist of unlimited resource whose ambition it is to become King of the world.

THE PROBLEM OF LOCAL
COLOUR.

The most surprising success German film-makers have achieved has, they claim, been in overcoming the difficulty of reproducing local colour; for expeditions abroad in search of settings have all along been barred. And big films must needs have "a flavour of great voyages." The difficulty has certainly been tackled with a great deal of ingenuity. Here, there, and everywhere in the province of Brandenburg, within easy distance of Berlin, one can see quaint evidences of this great effort. Parts of the palaces and domains of the ex-Kaisere have recently "understudied." Versailles in a Mme. Dubarry—production in which all the scenes, the Paris of Louis Quinze, the storming of the Bastille, the guillotining, were done in and around Potsdam. In the same neighbourhood, a long stretch of the river Havel has been transformed into a riverside Chinatown, where the operator with his cinematograph and the régisseur with his megaphone seem to be the only unusual figures in the view.

All Germany is just now blinking at the wonders of a serial film-play, *The Mistress of the World*, the first instalment of which comprises the adventures of European beauty kidnapped and carried off to the Far East as a slave. Sumatra and Canton, Chinese dens of vice, and a score of other Oriental settings through which the lady wavers were photographed entirely on the Upper Spree. Elsewhere one stumbles upon bits of Spain reproduced for *Carmen*, patches of Italy for *The Plague in Florence*, and Memphis for a tale of oldest Egypt. Even a Sahara Desert has been made to order. For the most part the world thus conjured upon the German screen is one of galley-slaves and ghosts, martyrs, ed

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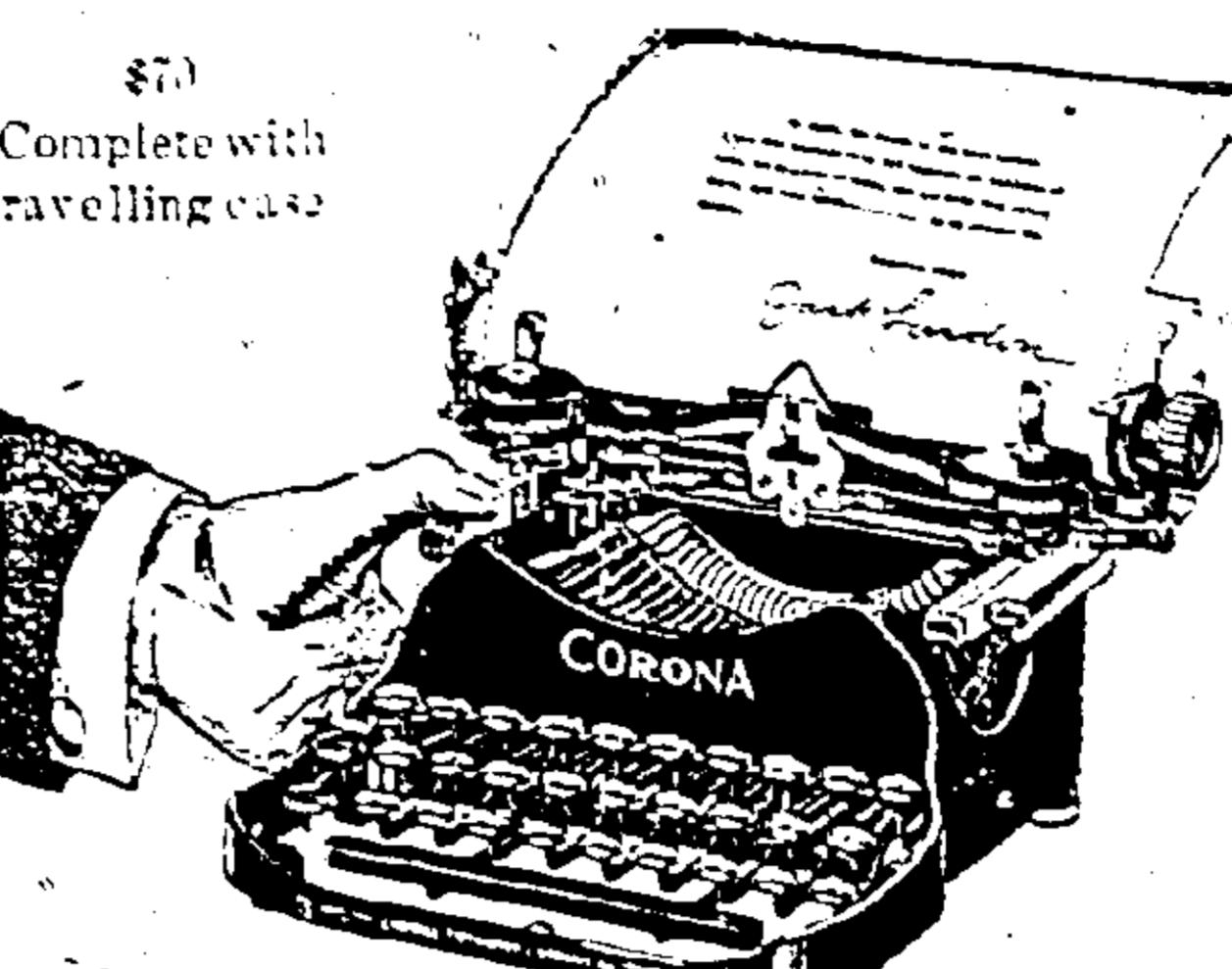
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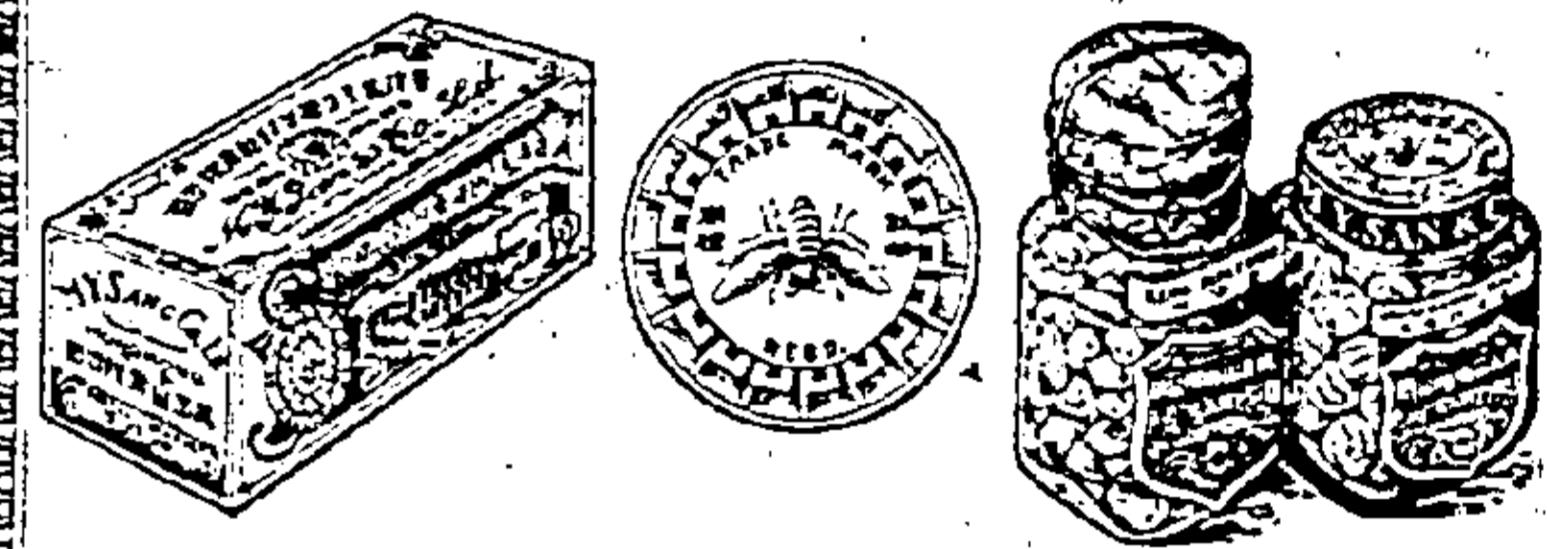
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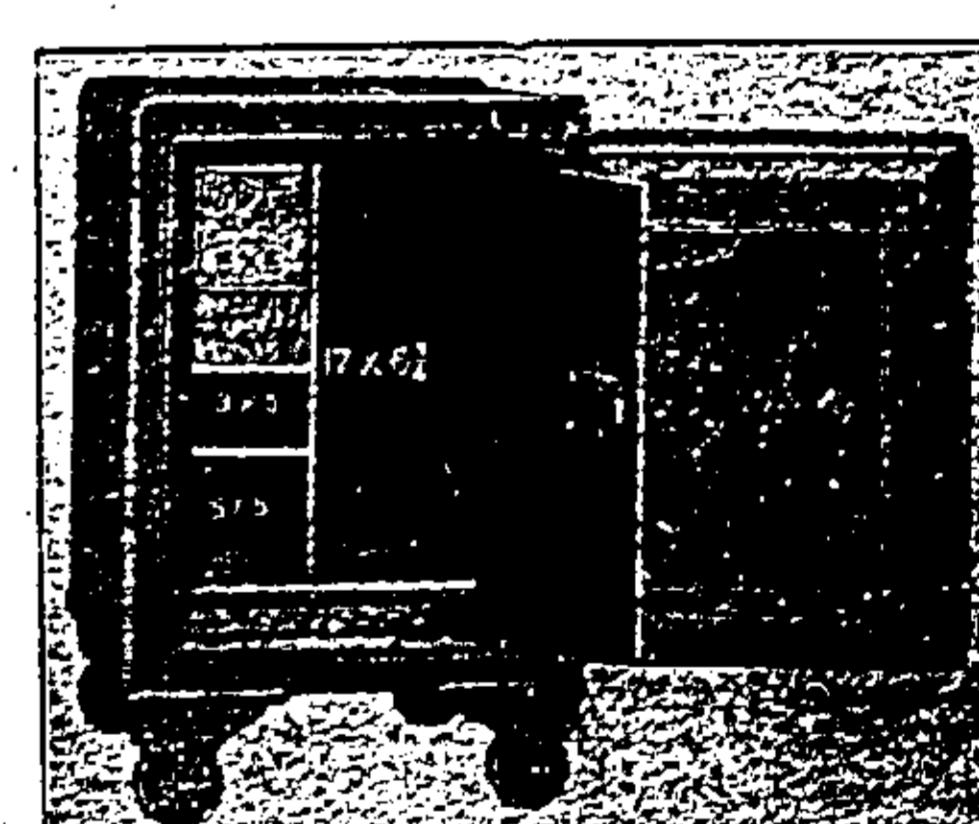
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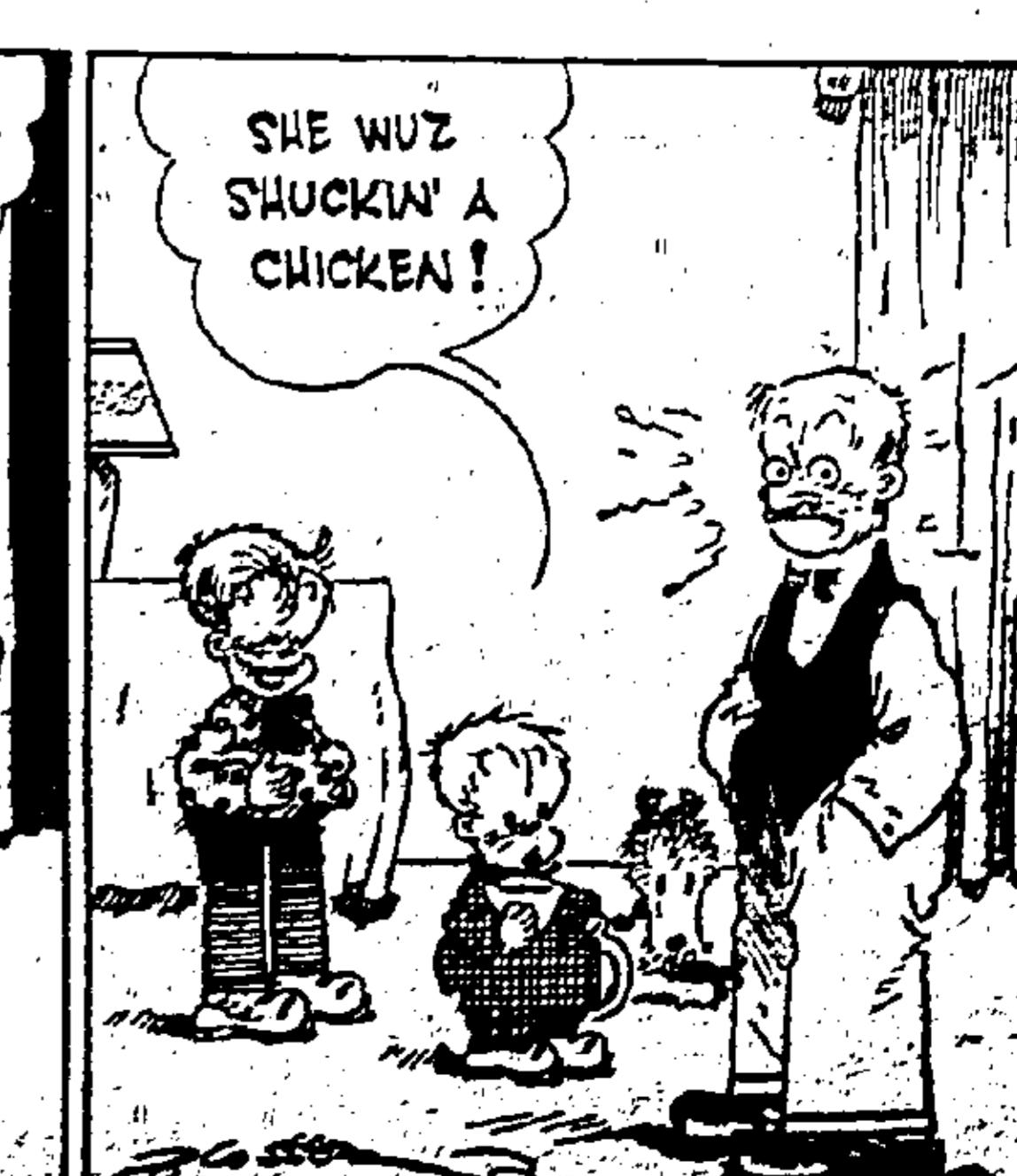
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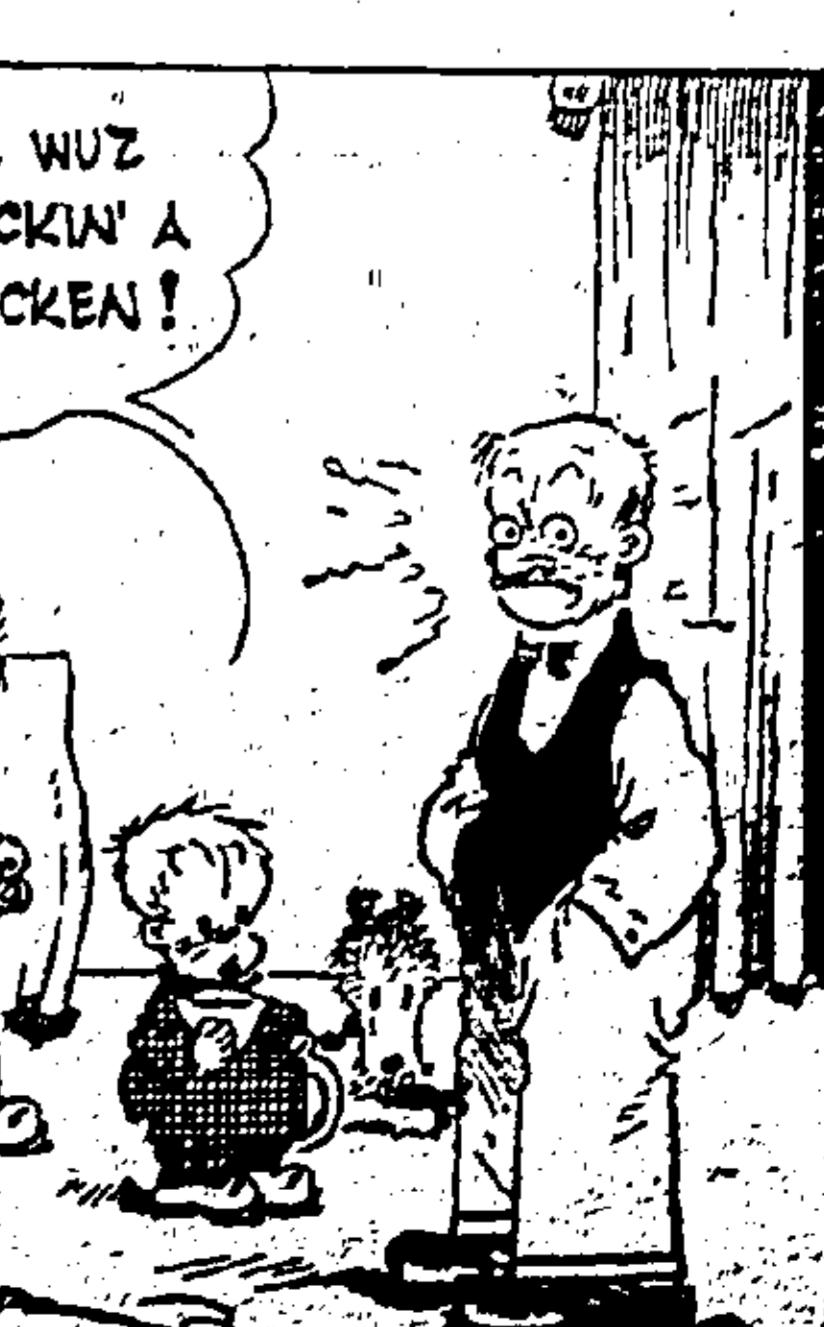
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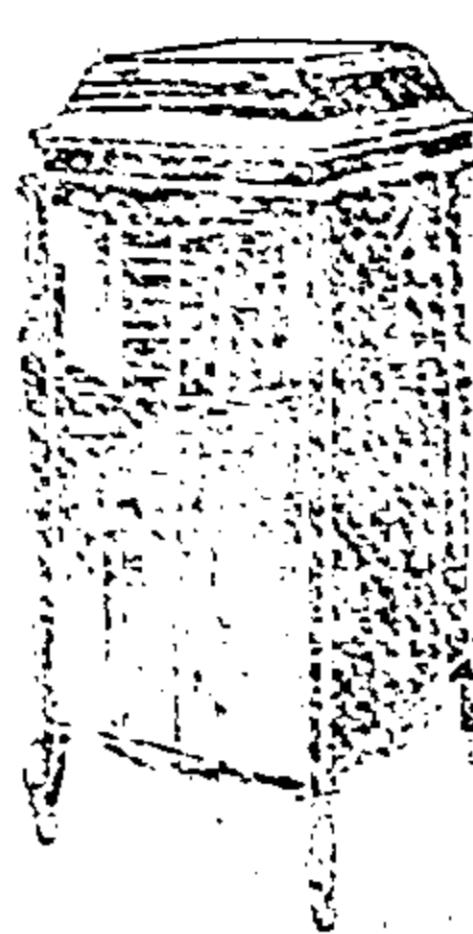
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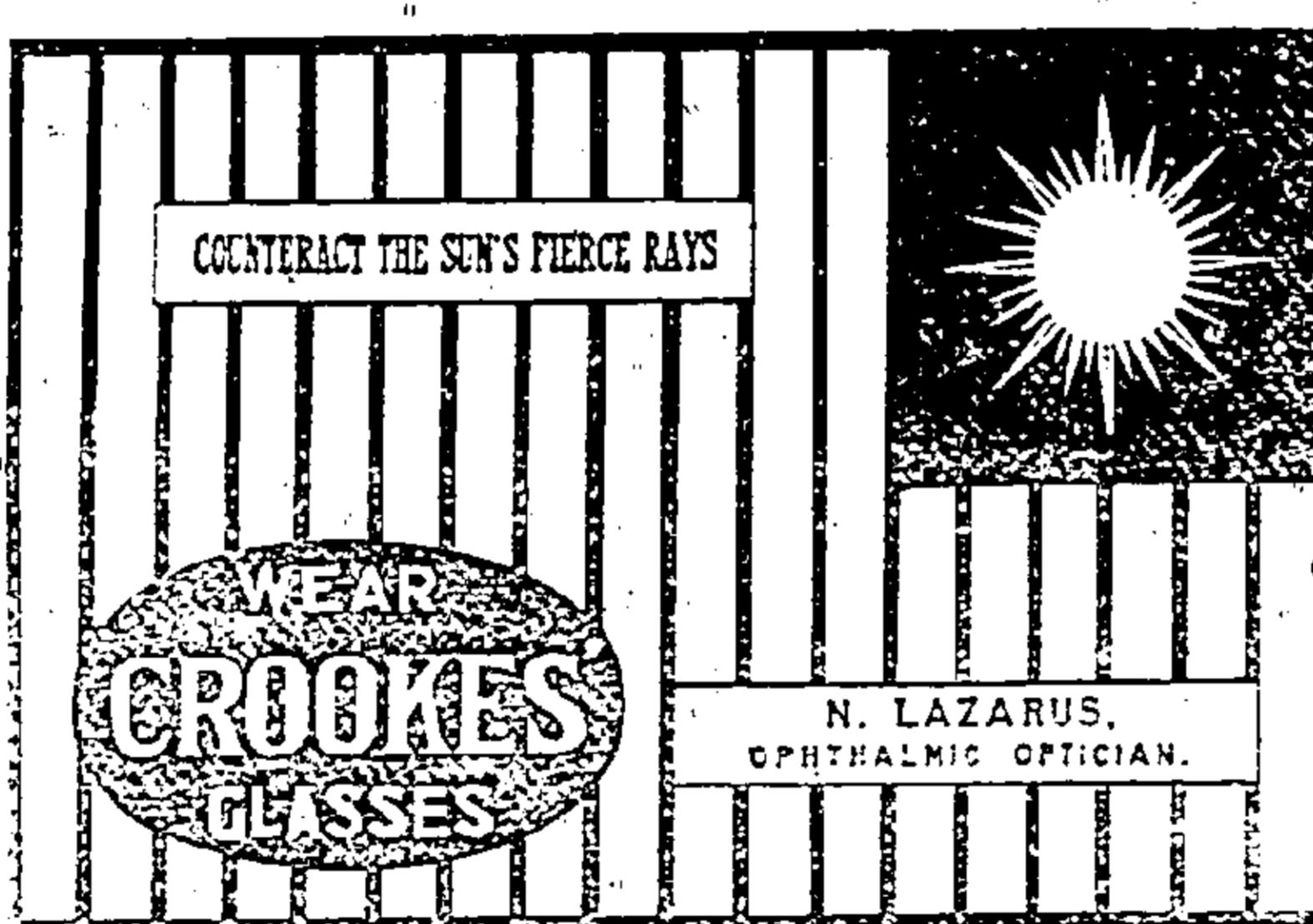
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A *Daily Chronicle* representative recently had a chat with Mrs. M. R. Verden, who has recently been appointed manager of the women's section of the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Company. This is pioneer work, for, up to the present, insurance companies have not concerned themselves with women.

"As a matter of fact," said an authority on insurance when questioned on this point, "insurance companies have never regarded women's lives or business concerned with them as being as good as those of men."

But this opinion has been changing since the coming of the Armistice, when thousands upon thousands of women, whose wits and abilities have been sharpened by war work for business and commercial ventures.

"I have always been wrapped up in work for women," Mrs. Verden said recently. "And I have always realised that the modern, independent woman who marries is making a big sacrifice. The woman worker most often gives up her income, and consequently, her economic independence, when she marries.

"When children come, there are the inevitable expenses. Cots, pramulabors, and so on, have to be purchased, and there are the hundred and one expenses to be met which are such a heavy drag on an ordinary middle-class income.

"In addition, there are thousands of war widows who have to educate their children and bring them up to be worthy citizens. They cannot do this on their pensions. Consequently, they must work. And while they are working they must think of the future.

"I have discussed all these aspects exhaustively with a company of well-known women, who have agreed to act as an honorary board of reference for the women section of the insurance company. They include Lady Frances Bulwer, Viscountess Bulwer, Miss Lillian Barker, C.B.E., Miss James Dawson, O.B.E., Miss Ruth Young (chairman of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries), Miss Clara Butcher, and Miss Lillian Braithwaite. As a consequence there has been drawn up a scheme of insurance policies which, I think, meets the needs of the modern woman.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A JAPANESE BOLSHEVIK. A San Francisco telegram to the *Taiho Nichi Nichi* says that on the 22nd ult. Nakadate Yojo, a teacher at a Japanese primary school at Los Angeles was arrested by the American authorities who are now engaged in a crusade against the Bolsheviks. He is the first Japanese to be arrested in California as a Bolshevik.

KRUPP LOSING MONEY. For the first time since the company was founded Krupp's balance sheet shows a loss—namely, of 36,000,000 marks, normally £1,800,000—as compared with 5,000,000 profit last year. This loss is covered by the balance brought forward, and by 20,000,000 from the special reserve. Making of guns, etc., having been stopped, the construction of railway engines and wagons, agricultural machinery and cinematograph apparatus has been undertaken.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21. 1920.

HUMPHREYS' MEETING.

In connection with the statement in the speech of the Chairman of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., made at the annual meeting, that the meagre profit of 5½ per cent. on the capital is conclusive evidence, not only that there has been no rent profiteering, but that, on the contrary, rentals are too low, we have examined the published accounts of the Company for some further light on the statement. An analysis of the accounts will show that the Company earned only 7 per cent. on the amount invested in property, but it is of great importance to note that the Chairman did not disclose to the meeting the cost of undeveloped property which is included in the Property Account shown in the balance sheet. Now, to get at the true return from rents, the Company's investment in property should be divided into two classes, namely, undeveloped and developed, and the return should be calculated on the cost of the latter, not on both, as we have been compelled to do for want of material. It is common knowledge that the Company has sunk large sums in land which has not yielded any income. There is, of course, nothing to prevent any landowner doing that, but by a tax on unearned increments the community might well derive some benefit from accretions in value, which in the nature of things, in a growing place like Kowloon or Hongkong, is bound to accrue. To attempt to reflect a charge of profiteering by including in capital sums amounts which do not yield any income, and thereby reduce the percentage on income-earning property, is absurd. The published accounts are so drawn up that it is impossible to discover the returns on "developed" property, but if the Company were willing to give its cost, the percentage would no doubt be most illuminating.

The Chairman, however, in his eagerness to convince the rent-paying public—not the shareholders, who know better of the poor results obtained, spoilt his own case by the fallacious argument of a small return on the capital. That small return of 5½ per cent. was earned not because the rents *per se* were small, but because the profits had to bear charges of all description, notably a sum of \$43,600 odd, the cost of interest on mortgage, part of which, it is safe to assume, related to interest on mortgage on undeveloped property. In other words, rents are higher than they should be because the Company finds it necessary to borrow for the purpose of trading in "undeveloped" property. The weak spot in the year's results is not in the low rents, as suggested by the Chairman, but in the tendency on the part of the Company to over-trade, which is evidenced by the large debt due by the Company to mortgages. If it be good business to hold undeveloped property, the capital necessary for that operation should be obtained from the shareholders. That capital should not be borrowed, or, if it must be borrowed, then shareholders should remain content with smaller dividends until the unearned increment is ripe for the basket. Borrowing for the purpose of keeping undeveloped property, and paying dividends at the same time, must naturally result in increased rentals, otherwise the process could not be kept up.

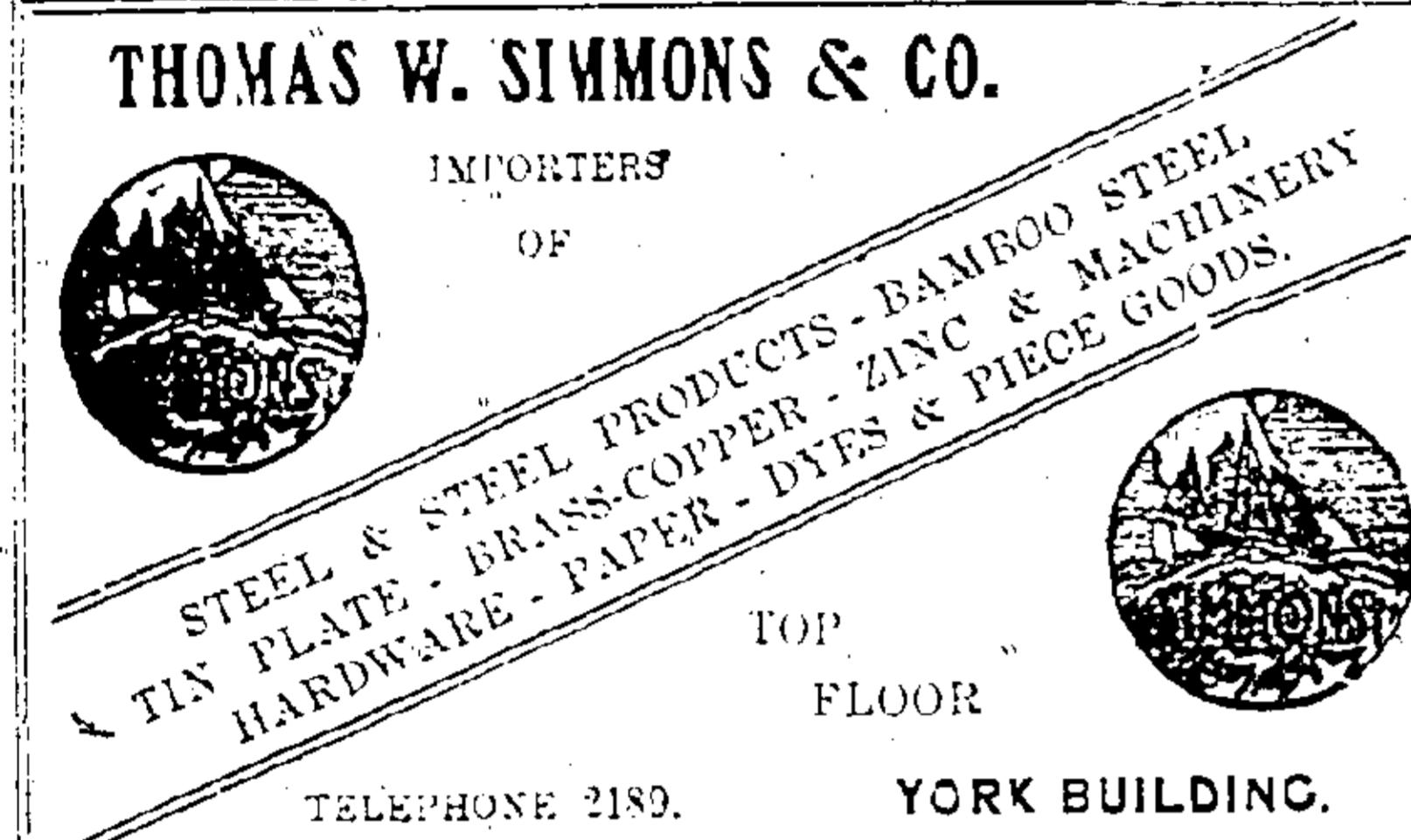
Turning to the Chairman's statement that the Company has been able to finance new blocks of flats in Kowloon and May Road by borrowing two-thirds of the capital outlay on land and buildings at a reasonable rate of interest, and bearing in mind the statement recently made by H.E. the Governor that the rentals of the new buildings are restricted by agreement so as not to exceed 8 per cent. on the capital expenditure, the public would be interested to know the manner in which the capital expended is to be determined. The expenditure on the buildings is merely a matter of arithmetic and presents no difficulties, but the value of the sites being taken up again the question of unearned increment. Will the sites be valued at *cost* or at *present-day values*? To our mind, *cost* is the proper basis, but if the latter valuation be taken, the nominal rent secured to the public by a benevolent Government will be still 8 per cent., but the effective rate earned by the Company will be considerably more. It is said that the rate of interest agreed to with the Government is 4 per cent. If this is the case, the taxpayers of the Colony are giving the Company a big "cumshaw." To take a concrete case. Assume the cost of land and a building at \$15,000; the rent by agreement, irrespective of Crown rent and charges, is fixed at 8 per cent. or \$1,200 per annum. The Company borrows \$10,000, at 4 per cent., costing \$400, and pockets the difference of \$800 per annum, or 16 per cent., on a capital outlay of \$5,000. The agreement with the Government is in no way broken, but the Company nevertheless *earns an extra 8 per cent. on its capital outlay by way of bonus*. Further remarks on the action of the Government in lending money to Companies, whilst at the same time refusing loans to individuals, are unnecessary in the face of such a possibility as this. Taking Mr. Humphreys' speech as it stands, it is far too vague and general in its terms to convince the public that his Company is not charging unduly high rentals. Let him give the actual return secured on developed property. Then the Company's tenants will be better able to judge whether there is any profiteering in rents.

NOTES & COMMENTS.	DAY BY DAY.	NAVAL NOTES.	REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
THE FAIR. Another Chinese New Year holiday has come and is nearly gone. Characterised by all the usual business settlements, with the squaring up of things belonging to the past year, the period has worn the usual aspect of celebration. The wheel of time has turned a little farther and a new point registered towards the completion of another of Cathay's many cycles. In Hongkong there has been the wonted firing of crackers, the picturesque supplications to Joss, and an indulgence in the native love of display. Queen's Road has once more witnessed the native fair, and the street, lined with booths loaded with a surprising miscellany and medley of things edible, useful and ornamental, has been the one to which all others led. Europeans have jostled among swarming natives in search of curios, have toyed with "works of art" and have eventually purchased them at figures "ruinous" to stall-keepers. Anything from a well-cooked beetle to a rare piece of porcelain was displayed for attraction. And everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The stall-holders, pleading all the while for honest prices, grew pleasureably enriched and the satisfied customers knew that they had beaten salesmen down to bargain figures. A gigantic game of bluff of irresistible appeal. We all deny that we like crowds or noise, but all Hongkong and his wife were to be seen in the thick of it. There must be some primal instinct to congregate; some deep-seated power of attraction in the glare and glamour of the mart. If yesterday was wet it seemed in no way to damp the ardour of the Chinese celebrants. The powder in the crackers was dry, and the merry noise continued. And with it went the feasting and revelry.	THE DEVIL HATES THE SMELL OF PRINTER'S INK. Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick and Lady Tudor, who returned from China, are staying at the Somerset Hotel, Orchard Street, London.	Cutters Crews drawn from H.M.S. "Alacrity" and the Torpedomen of H.M.S. "provided a most exciting race on Sunday evening last. The original intention was for "Hawkins" Racing Crew to compete, but with so many more men to choose from they held what might have been considered an unfair advantage consequently the Torpedomen, whose numbers apparently compare favourably with those of "Alacrity," accepted the challenge. The crews were splendidly matched and the race a neck and neck struggle from start to finish. "Alacrity" held a slight lead after passing and receiving the encouraging cheers of the "Ambrose" but "Hawkins" drew level again on coming within hail of her own Ship's Company. The last half mile was a race not often seen in Hongkong, both crews straining every muscle and nerve, and it was not until "Alacrity" heard the welcoming shouts of their own sturdy supporters that she crept in front to win by the narrowest of margins. Splendid crews and a fine race.	(Continued from page 1.) FRENCH SHIPPING DISASTER. Paris, February 16. A communiqué states that all efforts have been unsuccessful to find the steamship Ville Dalger which sent a wireless message at eventide on February 1 that she was afire 130 miles from Reunion, carrying 91 passengers and 50 crew, as well as a cargo of rum and sugar. The Ville du Havre proceeded to her assistance and found the Ville Dalger on February 5 afire and abandoned. Subsequent searches did not reveal any wreckage. A boatload of the Ville Dalger's survivors has arrived at Madagascar. It is feared that the remainder have perished.
THE TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. The Hongkong Hotel was again taxed for accommodation by the arrival of the s.s. Venezuela. The management could take in only a fifth of the applicants, seventy passengers being refused accommodation. This spectacle of "Hotel full" has now become a common feature of life in Hongkong.	THE REDUCTION IN THE PERSONNEL OF THE FLEET. By the s.s. Venezuela there arrived another batch of tourists travelling under the agency of the Raymond Whitcombe Company. Unfortunately, Mr. B. Thompson, who was to have directed these tourists in Hongkong and elsewhere met with an accident and dislocated his arm. He is now in a hospital in Yokohama. Mr. Shimizui is accompanying the party.	The reduction in the personnel of the Fleet proceeds apace, and I hear that it is to be completed as far as Home Service is concerned by the end of March. I am informed that there are a number of applicants on the China Station for Free Discharges, and that there is considerable conjecture as to whether the necessary approval will be forthcoming before the limit is reached.	AN INNOVATION. Paris, February 15. M. Poincaré will send a Presidential message to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate on Tuesday next, on the eve of expiry of his powers as President. The message will be read in the Chamber by M. Millerand, and in the Senate by M. Chopiteaux, Keeper of the Seals. This farewell message, which is an innovation, is of course, exciting great interest, and has produced an excellent impression in Parliamentary circles. Another Presidential message will be addressed to Parliament during the week by M. Deschanel.— <i>Havas</i> .
ANOTHER VIEWPOINT. To outsiders, who look for only national success in a country, the thought has possibly occurred that China has not yet very much occasion to make a fuss. As a member in the family of the world's nations she has not been favoured with a year of wonderful success. In contrast to her large proportions, she has had but a small and insignificant voice in the important International councils that have met and resolved since the past year was first ushered in. But China goes on in her own sweet untroubling way. The majority of her millions knowing little and caring less about anything beyond their own personal circle and experience. While the rest of the world moans over that fact, John is more concerned to "carry on," enjoying his life's experience according to his own conceptions of right and wrong, good and evil. But it will not be ever thus. Against even the most seeming indifference, Knowledge—the key that is gradually opening the door to man's more perfect happiness—is, sooner or later, the victor. Already we see China taking to education with greater zeal and earnestness, and there is rising up a class of instructed men that will take hold of and tackle the peculiar problems which now so effectively hinder China's mastery of herself. With the present position there is no need to despair. True it is that, nationally, China is in sorry plight. In fact she is scarcely a nation at all, but a huge, loosely governed people politically exploited from within and without. It is this only that some people study and from which they draw inferences that belie all humanity's past experience. It may just be that China, as we know it to-day, is not destined to become one great homogeneous country having a unified national expression, but certain it is that the Chinese race has before it a future of even greater achievement than that which lies behind. With a more liberal admixture of western ideas and practices, the wonderful inherent acumen of this oriental people will come into a province of beneficial activity, the effect of which will be worldwide. It is inevitable, for the proof of it has already been established. But China is not a land of the few: its millions have never been counted. Before China and the Chinese there is still a long road before the time written of above will come into full view. And during that long period of travel there will be much done in error, mistakes will have to be tolerated and rectified, and the more organised nations of the world will have to be free in help and guidance. At present, how prone we all are to criticise and ridicule. Constructive criticism	MURDER CHARGE. A BOY KILLED. The deceased, the Inspector, was a boy, 12 years of age, who on Wednesday went to the house of the defendant, at No. 52, Third Street, to gamble. He was told by the defendant to pawn a cap for him, which the boy refused to do. A little later, on a further request by the defendant, the boy proceeded to the pawnshop and pawned a jacket. On his return, the defendant slapped him, and this led to a fight which took place in the street. Both armed themselves with poles, and in the course of the fight, the defendant is said to have hit the boy three times on the head with the pole. The fight was eventually stopped, and the boy went to his house, where, early the next morning, he died. His brother, before this, had made a report to the Police. The nature of the injuries showed that the boy had died as a result of fracture of the skull.	Take for instance the "Hawkins" and South China replay: surely that could have been played this and some of the other games in the Shield Competition proceeded with.	MARSHAL FOCH'S LIMOUSINE. Paris, February 16. The famous blue-black limousine, which convoyed Marshal Foch along the French and Italian fronts was sold yesterday for 74,000 francs. It was requisitioned originally for 15,000 francs.— <i>Havas</i> .
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THE DEFENDANT WAS REMANDED.	DAVY JONES.	The China Squadron is still further honoured by the following awards:	FRANCE AND ENEMY TONNAGE. Paris, February 14. In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, an interpellation on France's share of enemy tonnage was adjourned, the Under Secretary for Mercantile Marine having said negotiations were taking place at present in London.— <i>Havas</i> .
IS ALWAYS OF VALUE.	ROADS COMMITTEE CENSURED.	An inquest was held at Portsmouth recently on the body of Petty Officer James Bendelow, of the Queen Elizabeth, who died from injuries received through his motor-cycle skidding near the Hilsea Arches. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned, but the jury considered that the Tramways and Roads Committee of the council deserved the severest censure because of the bad state of the roads.	PLEBISCITE IN EAST PRUSSIA. Paris, February 14. The Inter-Allied Commission which will organise the plebiscite in the Marienwerder territory (East Prussia) leaves Paris to-morrow night. Mr. Ida, is representing Japan.— <i>Havas</i> .
NEW PRESIDENT OF FRENCH CHAMBER.	M. POINCARÉ HONOURED.	M. Raoul Peret was yesterday elected President of the French Chamber. He is a lawyer and has been member for Poitiers since 1902, representing the Left Radical Party. He controlled the postal and telegraphic services for some time and became later Minister of Justice in the Poincaré Government.— <i>Havas</i> .	PARIS, FEBRUARY 13. M. Poincaré was yesterday presented with a cross by the City of St. Quentin. The Senate unanimously confirmed the tribute paid by the Chamber to M. Poincaré, that he deserved well of his country.— <i>Havas</i> .
JAPANESE CRUISERS VISITING FRANCE.	CONTINUED ON PAGE 8.	The Japanese cruisers Tokiya and Azuma will shortly visit Marseilles and Toulon. Vice Admiral Horiuchi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet, is to visit Paris and the war front at the end of the month.— <i>Havas</i> .	PARIS, FEBRUARY 13. The Japanese cruisers Tokiya and Azuma will shortly visit Marseilles and Toulon. Vice Admiral Horiuchi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet, is to visit Paris and the war front at the end of the month.— <i>Havas</i> .

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Dumas shared Dickens' liking for colour in clothes. Even the success of "The Three Musketeers" pleased him no more than the sensation he caused by appearing at a Court reception with a shirt wherein a number of little red devils depicted themselves amid flames of yellow fire. Theophilus Gautier, too, was famous for the eccentric colouring of his waistcoats—particularly the crimson one he wore at the first performance of Hugo's "Hernani." "You became celebrated when very young," said an admirer to him in later years. "Yes, when very young," he answered, "because of my waistcoat."

A good deal of interest has been aroused in America by the starting of a steamship company—the Black Star Line—to be owned entirely by negroes, and to employ no officers or crews except of that race. Its vessels, moreover, will carry cargoes for negro business firms only. The first Black Star boat has been named the Frederick Douglass, after one of the most famous of negro politicians. Others will be called after other prominent coloured leaders, such as Booker Washington and Toussaint l'Ouverture. The New York "Nautical Gazette" notes that there is nothing novel in the employment of black crews or in the engagement of negro masters to command trading ships. It is on the business side that this venture is a new departure, and its success will therefore depend on the business acumen displayed by its backers.

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An interesting case which was decided in the Court of Session the other day should not be overlooked by anybody who has to do with house property. A lady in February last told her landlord that she wished to vacate her

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending Feb. 28, 1895.)

THE DOLLAR.
Feb. 22nd.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 1s 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

THE PLAGUE EPIDEMIC.
Feb. 22nd.—We are glad to hear that Sergts. McIver, Holt and Phillips are to be presented with medals of merit for services rendered during the plague epidemic, under instructions of the Secretary of State who has sanctioned this recognition of their valuable services.

THE RACES.
Feb. 22nd.—The third day of the races opened heavy, raw and damp but by noon cleared away somewhat and for the rest of the afternoon was bright and sullen, by turns. The weather, however, seemed to have little effect on the sporting enthusiasts, who, young and old of both sexes and all conditions of men, were out in full force, enjoying to the fullest each exciting event.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.
Feb. 27th.—We understand that His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the Colony will present the Challenge shield and the thanks of the Community of the Colony to the Police Force in the Police compound of the Central Police Station at noon, on Friday, for their excellent services so faithfully rendered during the Black Plague.

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.
Feb. 27th.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. F. H. May presented the prizes to the successful scholars at the Victoria Home and Orphanage. Major General Digby-Barker, on behalf of Mrs. Barker, in a few well-chosen words congratulated the children who won prizes and impressed on those who did not obtain them that they should not be disengaged and try hard to win prizes on a future occasion. The proceedings concluded by the children singing "God Save The King" in Chinese.

house in May this year and the landlord let it to a new tenant. But as the lady was disappointed in her arrangements to secure a lease of other premises, she declined to leave. The Sheriff Substitute granted a warrant of ejection, but the Sheriff-Principal, construing the Section of the 1915 Act, held that it gave no warrant for pronouncing such an order, and recalled the interlocutor. The Second Division reversed this decision, but the President expressly avoided the construction upon which the Sheriff-Principal founded, reserving his opinion on the question "whether, by giving notice to the landlord of her intention to vacate the house, the tenant had placed herself outside the statute altogether." It seems sound sense that when a tenant gives notice to quit the tenant has got to go. But what about the Act?

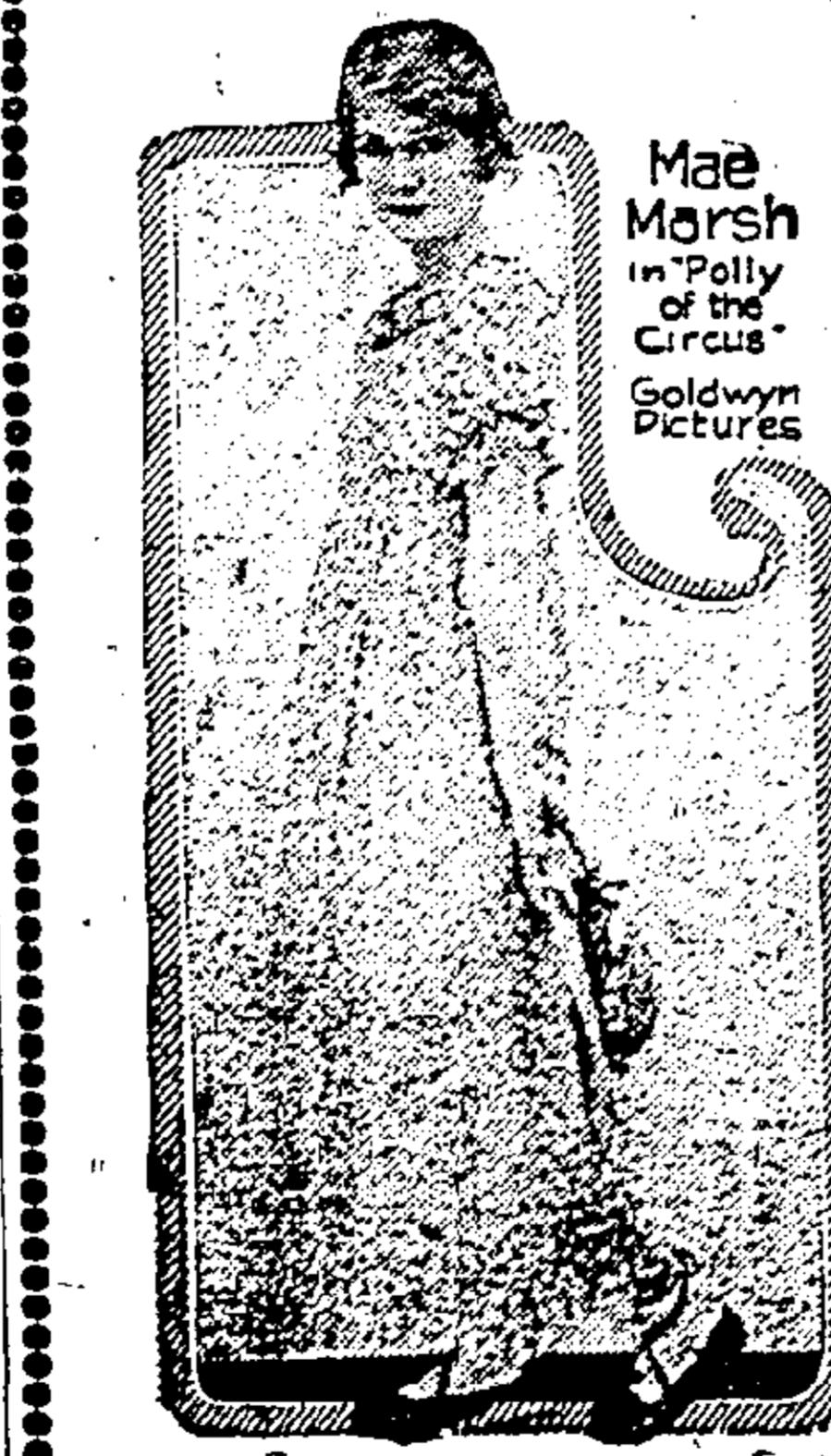
A legal action, which will be watched with great interest, is that in which the Second Division, on a reclaiming note, have upheld the decision of the Lord Ordinary, and allowed an issue for a trial before a jury. The case is one of alleged slander contained in a certificate of character or testimonial such as employers are so frequently asked for when a member of the staff leaves or is dismissed from his situation. Without condescending upon the merits of the particular case (which it has not been impossible to do as no evidence has yet been led), it is enough to say that the verdict of the jury will be awaited with interest for on their decision will hang the future of the certificates. Employers will not stop to consider whether or not the jury have been deciding an exceptional case; they will accept the ruling either as a warning to risk no certificates or as fully corroborating the privilege which they assume is vested in the issue of such certificates. Many people had their doubts; the jury's decision will settle the question one way or the other.

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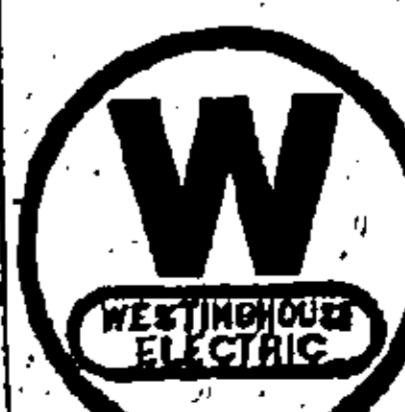
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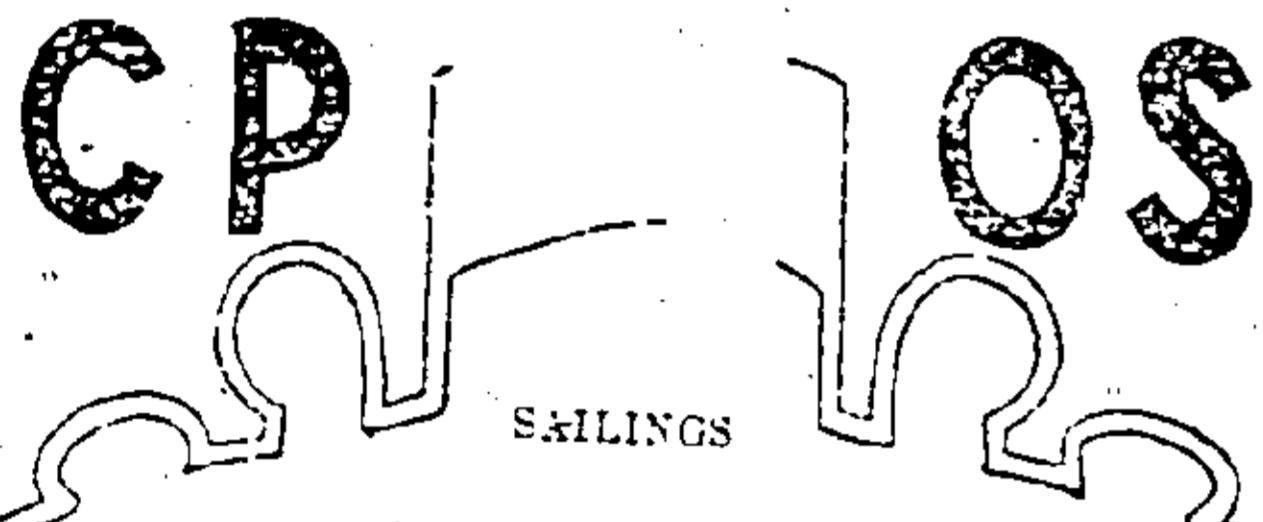
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			KOYEI MARU Thursday, 26th February.
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Empress of Asia	June 3	June 21
*Monteagle	June 4	June 28
Empress of Russia	July 1	July 19
Empress of Japan	July 20	Aug. 10
Empress of Asia	July 29	Aug. 16
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SHIPPING NEWS.

FREIGHT.

Messrs Whealeys & Co. (Shanghai) report.—As Ex-

change, which is the ruling factor in the state of our Outward

Freight markets, has since last

writing soared to the unprecedented rate of 9/3 per tael (official

rate) the same remarks apply to the three berths of which we

usually write about and we can

say that, as regards Shanghai,

the export trade has practically

come to a standstill on all three

berths and except for a little

cargo, settled at old rates,

there is nothing offering.

Coastwise.—Conditions continue

quiet but with a somewhat healthier

tone in view of revival of busi-

ness after China New Year which

falls on the 20th of this month.

As foreseen in our last report

Tientsin has remained open and

before long the liners will probably

resume regular sailings. As re-

gards the Yangtze River trade the

worst seems to be over as far

as the lack of water is con-

cerned and this should have a

beneficial effect on the coasting

trade in general. The southern

markets are weak but there is

some inquiry for business after

China New Year.

MORE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHIPS.

Seattle, January 14.—The first

of the new fast passenger and

freightvessels for the trans-Pacific

trade out of Puget Sound will be

the steamships Wenatchee, Sea

Grit and American Legion all of

which have been launched on the

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"ANDES MARU" ... Middle of March.

CENO & BOMBAY—Monthly service. Taking cargo on through
Bills of Lading, with transhipment at Bombay to Co.'s
steamer.

BUENOS AIRES—Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Mauritius, Durban and
Cape Town via Singapore.

"CANADA MARU" ... Wednesday, 3rd March.

"TACOMA MARU" ... Middle of April.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via S'pore.

"KOFUKU MARU" ... Friday, 5th March.

"SAIGON MARU" ... Sunday, 7th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE—Monthly service taking cargo to
New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

"MADRAS MARU" ... Saturday, 28th Feb.

SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE—Regular Monthly Service.

"SHISEN MARU" ... Thursday, 4th March.

VICTORIA & VANCOUVER—Tacoma via Manila, Keelung,
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yokohama.

"AFRICA MARU" ... Wednesday, 3rd March.

"ARABIA MARU" ... Tuesday, 6th April.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY—These steamers
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"KAIJO MARU" ... Sunday, 22nd February.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

"SOSHU MARU" ... Thursday, 26th Feb.

JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Yawatachi & Yokohama.

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"WEST SELENE" ... Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

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"LAKE FIELDING" ... Wednesday, Feb. 25th. For Shanghai.

HONGKONG-CALCUTTA SERVICE.

S.S. "LAKE GILPIN" Wed. ad y. brary 5th for Malacca Singapore,
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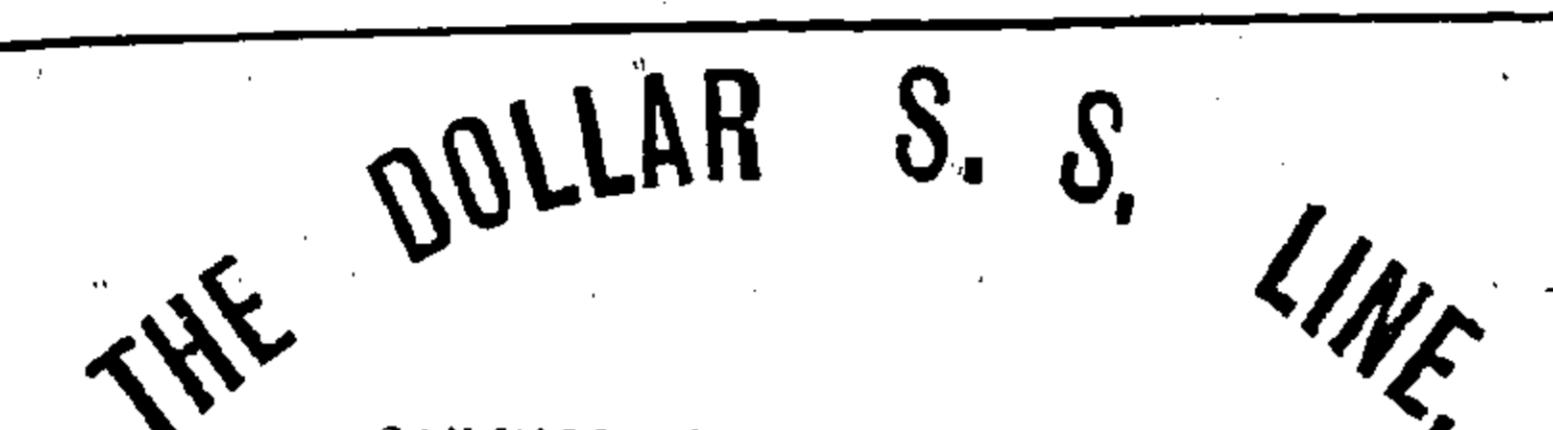
"MONTASUE" ... About Feb. 25 "ABERDEEN" ... March 12th

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 4.)

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS.

COCKERELL IN EGYPT.

London, February 16.
The Times correspondent at Cairo, telegraphing yesterday, says that Cockerell's machine has landed at Mongalla.

FORCED TO LAND NEAR THONGALLA.

London, February 16.
The Air Ministry states that Cockerell's machine was forced to land owing to shortage of petrol at Khor, 20 miles north of Mongalla. The machine passengers are safe.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

London December 17.
Elaborate arrangements are being made in Canada in connection with the Empire Press Union delegates' tour and the forthcoming Conference at Ottawa. The delegation will leave Liverpool on July 17, and return in mid September. It will consist of 100 proprietors and editors of leading journals from all parts of the Empire. The tour will comprise the principal centres, enabling a first-hand study of Canadian conditions to be made. Lord Burnham will be Chairman of the United Kingdom Press Delegation. The Dominions will be well represented.

BRITAIN'S LIABILITIES.

London, February 17.
A White Paper shows that the State's gross liabilities on March 31, 1919 were £7,481,050,442, an increase of £1,539,954,623, compared with March 31, 1918.

EARL READING TO REMAIN LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

London, February 16.
Earl Reading's Secretary says there is no justification for the report which alleged that Earl Reading has accepted the American Ambassadorship.

FUTURE OF AUSTRIA.

Vienna, February 17.
A conference of Austrian Provincial Representatives at Salzburg, including Socialists, voted for the transformation of Austria into a Federal State.

THE CAPTURED SIBERIAN MISSIONS.

BEING WELL TREATED.

Copenhagen, February 14.
M. Trotzky has informed M. Litvinoff that members of the Anglo-French and Italian Missions captured in Siberia are being well treated.

ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Smyrna, February 13.
The Caproni machine mentioned on February 5 as having left Salonika, has arrived and is resuming its flight to Adalia.

THE BULGARIAN TREATY.

RATIFICATION BY ITALY.

Rome, February 15.
Italy has formally ratified the Bulgarian Treaty.

SERBIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Belgrade, February 15.
The Davidovitch Cabinet has resigned owing to the Prince Regent refusing the Government's advice to dissolve Parliament and order elections for the National Constituent Assembly.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WRECK OF THE FAZILKA.

THE CAPTAIN EXONERATED.

Singapore, February 17.
It is understood that Captain V. Wiles, who was in command of the Fazilka, which was wrecked off Great Nicobar Island last October, has been exonerated by the Marine Court at Calcutta and been appointed to the command of the Queda, which was lying at Kidderminster a fortnight ago.

STRAITS DEFENCE CORPS.

PENANG WANTS A VOLUNTARY FORCE.

Singapore, February 18.
The Penang Chamber of Commerce Committee favours a Voluntary Defence Force, and is asking the Singapore Chamber what action it proposes to take.

NEW GOVERNOR VISITING PENANG.

Singapore, February 18.
His Excellency the Governor visits Penang on Tuesday next to receive addresses at the Town Hall.

STRAITS RICKSHA STRIKE COLLAPSES.

Shanghai, February 18.
The ricksha strike has almost completely collapsed. The majority of the pullers have returned to work.

TO RESCUE AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

Shanghai, February 19.
Mr. Frederick Smith, Chicago Tribune correspondent, is accompanying Dr. Osgood in his search for Dr. Shelton. He left here by the Swallow.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K.s. YOKOHAMA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 24th Jan., and is expected here on the 3rd Mar.
The N.Y.K.s. WAKASA M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 29th Jan. and is expected here on the 11th March.
The N.Y.K.s. SAIKAI M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 7th Feb. and is expected here on the 27th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 15th Feb. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The P.O.s. BANCA left Singapore for this port on the 15th instant at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 22nd instant at about 8 a.m.

The s.s. LAKE GILPEN (Calcutta Line) left Saigon on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. WEST SELENE left Shanghai on the 17th inst., and is due here on Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. CAODEPEAK (Calcutta Line) left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about Sunday Feb. 22nd.

The N.Y.K.s. KAIFUKU M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Penang and Singapore on the 9th Feb. and is expected here on the 29th Feb.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA from Hongkong on the 26th Jan arrived at Vancouver on the 9th February.

The N.Y.K.s. KAGA M. (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 16th Feb. and is expected here on the 21st Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. TAMBA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 14th Feb. and is expected here on the 24th March.

The N.Y.K.s. KOYEI M. (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 18th Feb. and is expected here on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. WAKAMATSU MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 11th Feb. and is expected here on the 29th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. RANGOON M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 12th Feb. and is expected here on the 1st Mar.

The N.Y.K.s. TAIAN M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 12th Feb. and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The N.Y.K.s. SHANGHAI M. (Nom) left Shanghai on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Japan 205 left Japan on the 21st Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T India 215 left India on the 21st Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T San Francisco 98 & New York 98 left San Francisco on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Java 259 left Java on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Marks 14.10 Nom left Marks on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T France 14.10 Demand, Paris left France on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Germany 14.10 Demand, Germany left Germany on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T New York 28.6 Demand, New York left New York on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Bombay 215 Demand, Bombay left Bombay on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Calcutta 215 Demand, Calcutta left Calcutta on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Manila 199.2 Demand, Manila left Manila on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Singapore 250.2 Demand, Singapore left Singapore on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Hong Kong 250.2 Nom left Hong Kong on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T London 250.2 Nom left London on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Australia 250.2 Nom left Australia on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T America 250.2 Nom left America on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Europe 250.2 Nom left Europe on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Africa 250.2 Nom left Africa on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Asia 250.2 Nom left Asia on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Australia 250.2 Nom left Australia on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Europe 250.2 Nom left Europe on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K.s. T/T Asia 250.2 Nom left Asia on the 25th Feb.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.—22nd February, 1920, 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy

Communion (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial. Venite: Dyce. Psalm: Felton (10th morning). Te Deum: Oakley, in F (15th evening).

Benedictus: Trostbeck. Hymns: 89, 263. Sevenfold Amen. N.B.

—Psalm 51, verses 1, 5, 14 and 18 in unison. Litany (12 noon.)

Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalms: Purcell (1st evening). Stainer (39th evening). Magnificat Barnby. Nunc Dimittis: Poland (22nd morning). Hymns: 157, (2nd tune) 84 (169) 84 (108). Sevenfold Amen. N.B.—Psalm 6, verses 1 and 9 in unison. Psalm 32, verses 1, 5 and 12 in unison. Psalm 143, verses 1, 2, 7, 8 and 11 in unison. Psalm 143, verse 12 to be omitted.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, WANCHAL.—Sunday 22nd February, 1920. Morning Service 10.15 a.m.

Evening Service 6.00 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. Andrews.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST POINT.—Sunday, Feb. 22nd 1920. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, and Sermon.

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THE GOSPEL HALL.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services—Sunday. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 3 p.m. Tuesday. Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday. Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday. Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday. Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL GLENALY.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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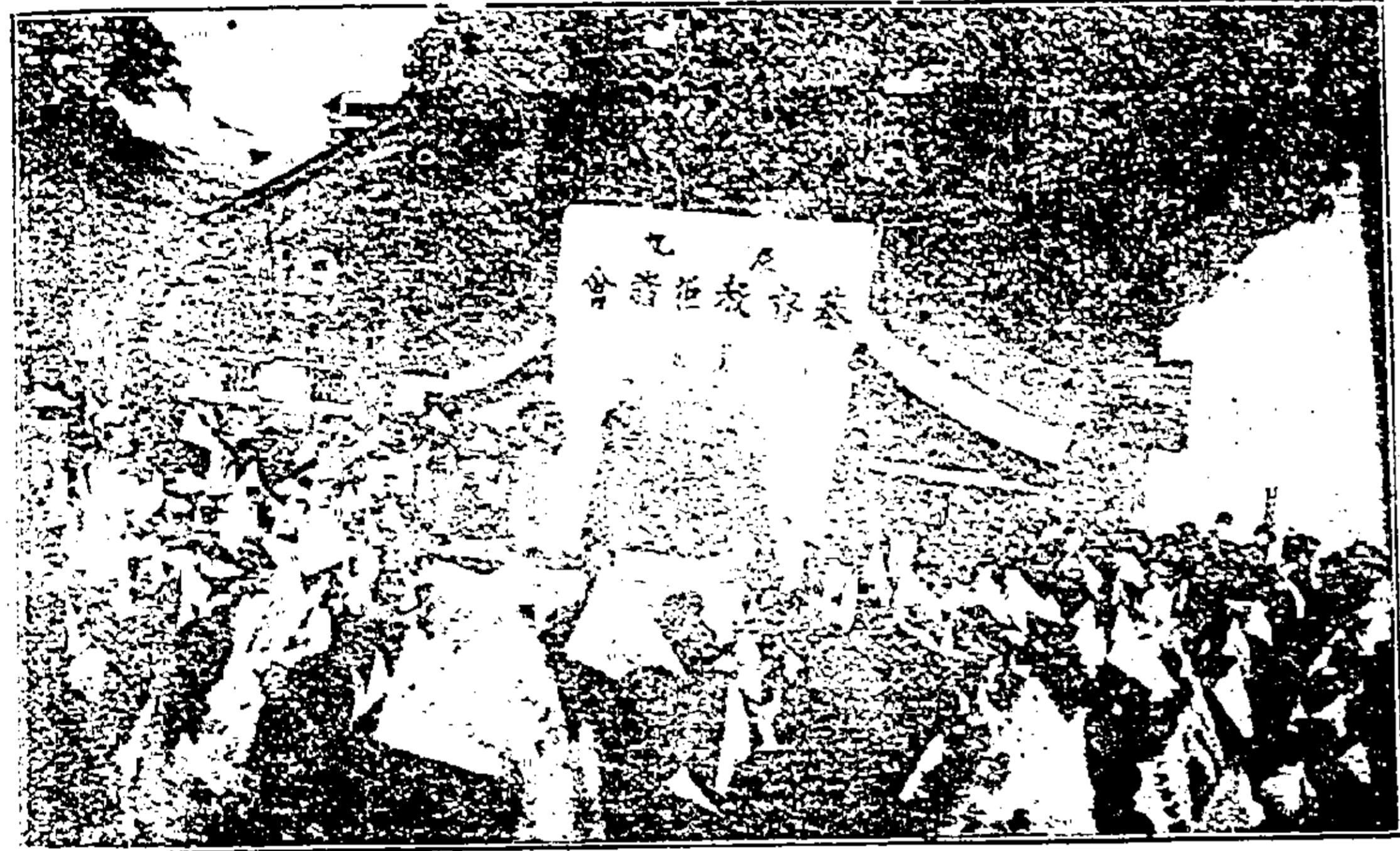


Photo: Canton Times.
Mass meeting of Chinese Christians at Canton, held to protest against gambling.



Photo: Canton Times.
Group of old women who have joined the anti-gambling society in Canton.



Mrs. P. E. Van Gogh, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Djokjokarta, Java, who has been given magnificent jewels by the native ruler of Java.



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Group of staff of the Kung Yee Medical College, Canton.

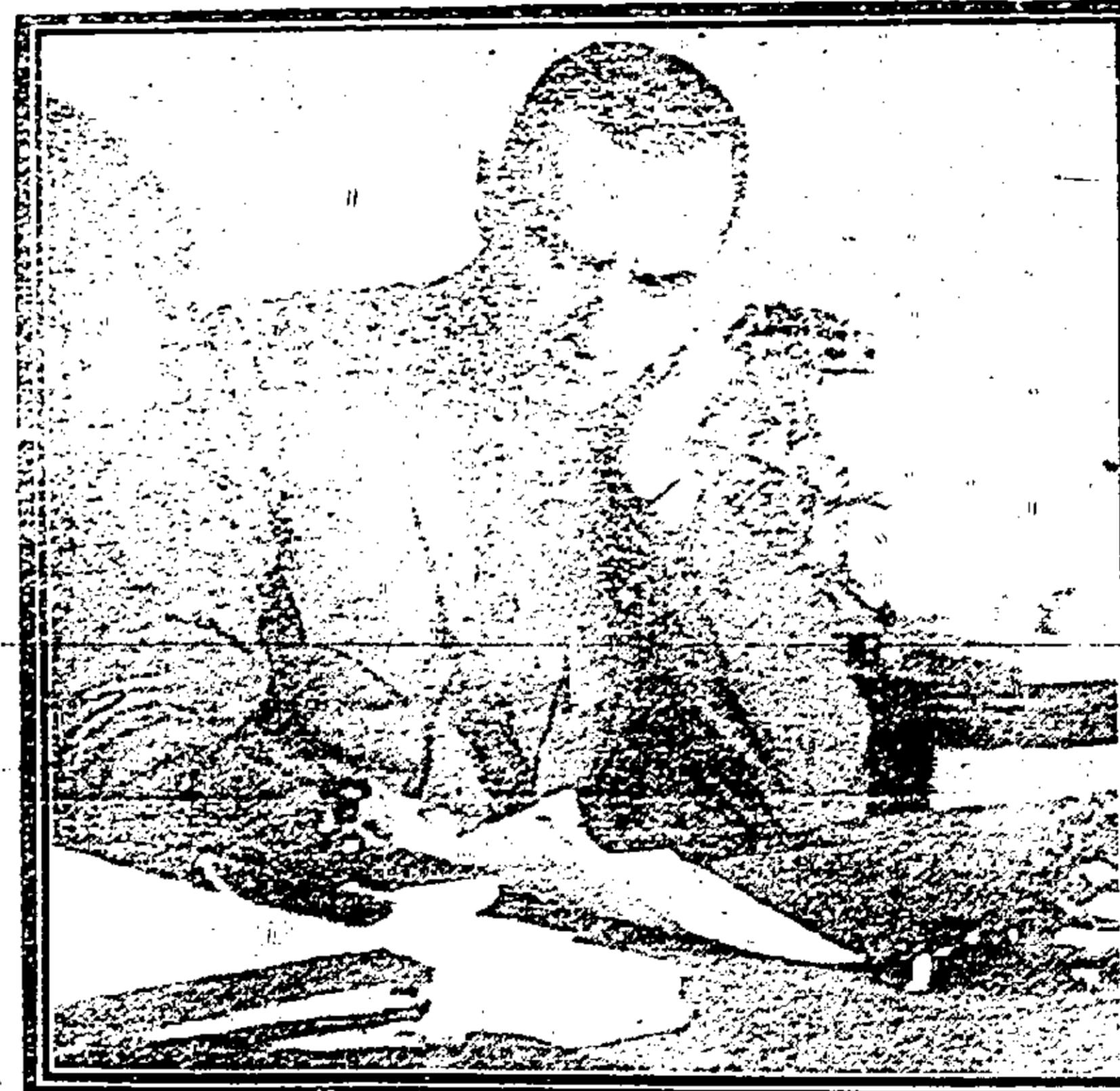
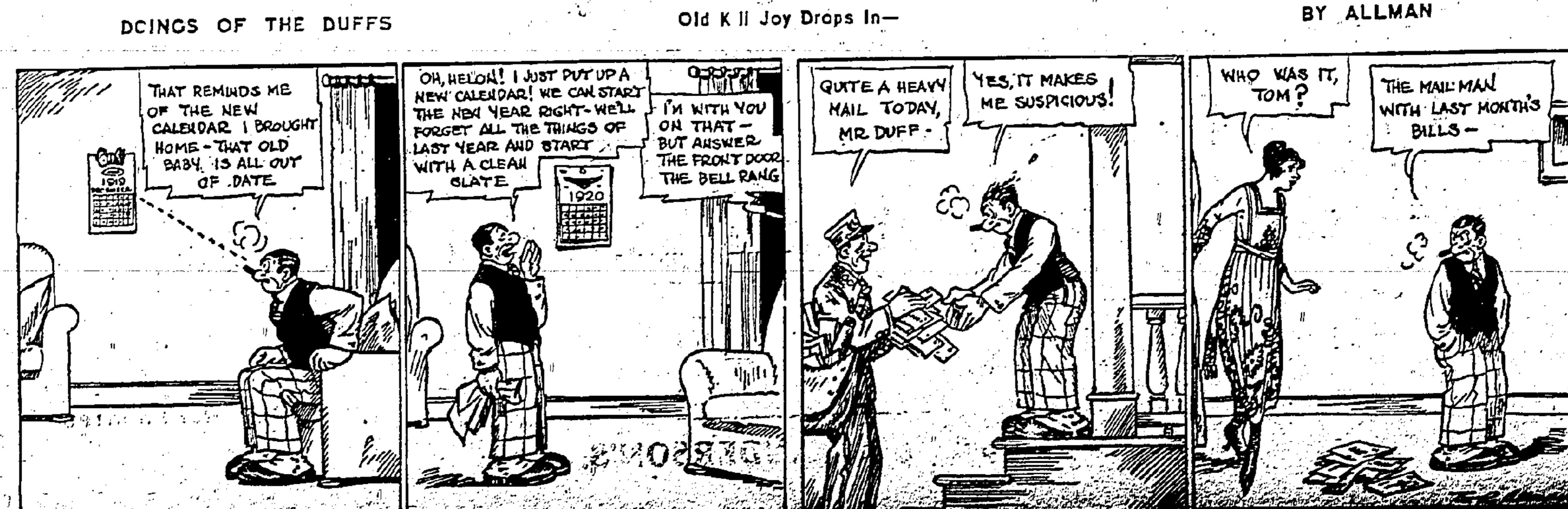


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Admiral Kolchak at his headquarters.

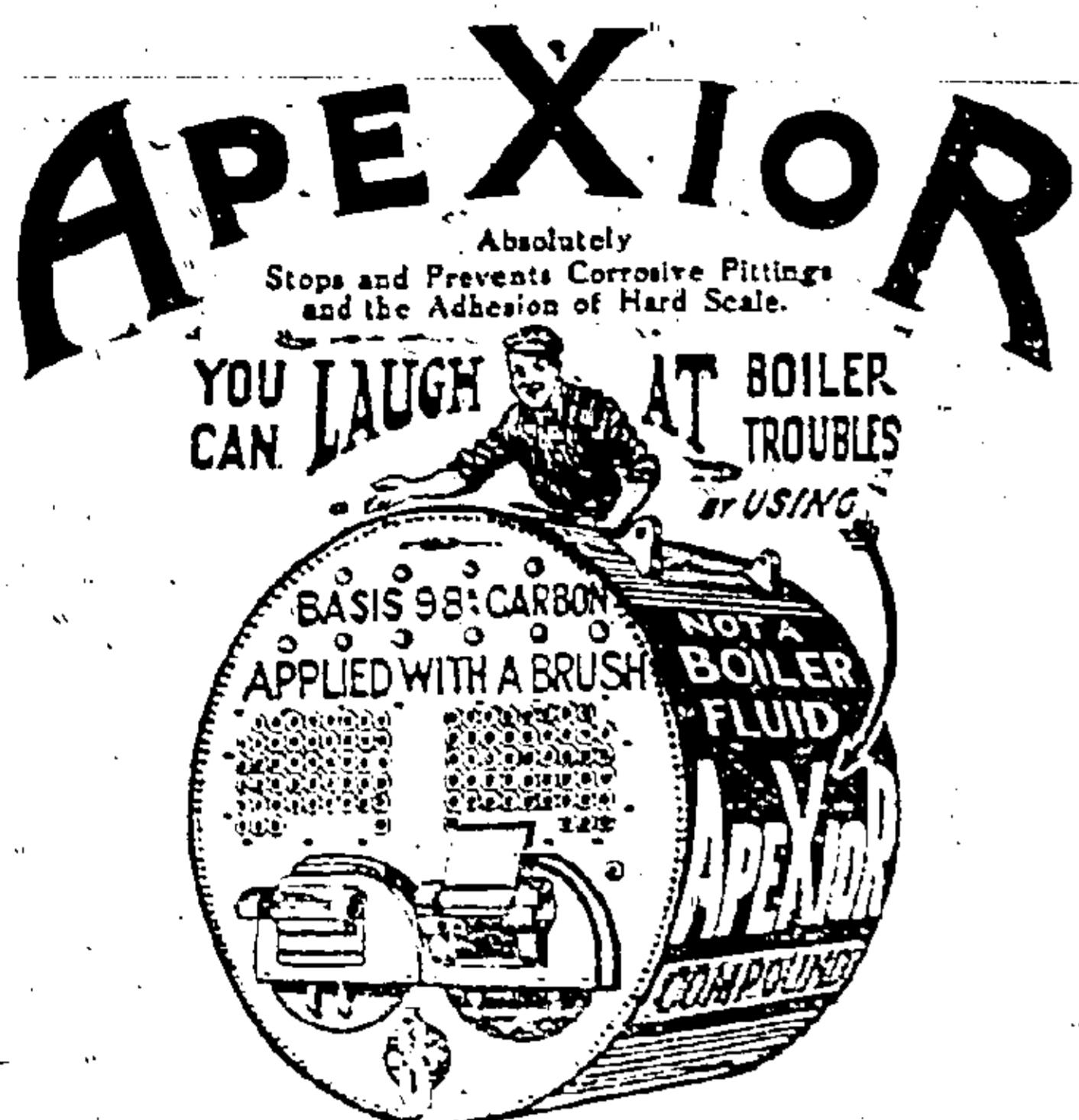


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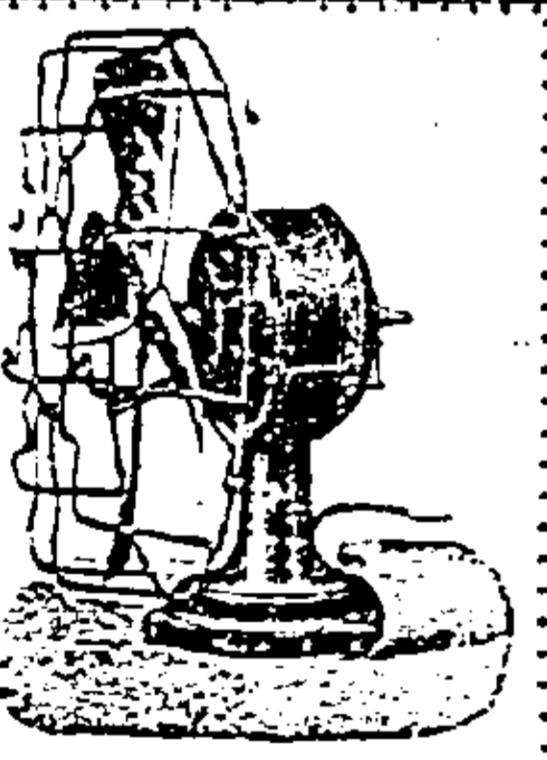
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Saigon—Per LAKE GILPEN, 21st Feb.
Shanghai—Per WEST SELENE, 21st Feb.
Shanghai—Per ICHANG, 21st Feb.
Straits—Per KAGA M., 21st Feb.
Straits—Per BANCA M., 22nd Feb.
Straits—Per CADDOPEAK, 22nd Feb.

Japan—Per IYO M., 24th Feb.
Hanghai—Per HANYANG, 25th Feb.

Bombay—Per SAJAI M., 27th Feb.
Straits and Calcutta—Per KAI FUKU M., 29th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW—

Macao—Per SUI AN, 22nd Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Shanghai via China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VICTORIA B. C.—Per KASHIMA M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 23rd Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Hai Phong, Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ—Per ATLAS MARU, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via LIVERPOOL—Per DEMODUCUS, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA MARU, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, L. Marques, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ—Per ATLAS M., 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA M., 23rd Feb., Reg. 12.45 p.m. 1.30 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 23rd Feb., 4.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per HANGSANG, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.

Tientsin—Per CHIPSHING, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per LU CHOW, 24th Feb., 8 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 24th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

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